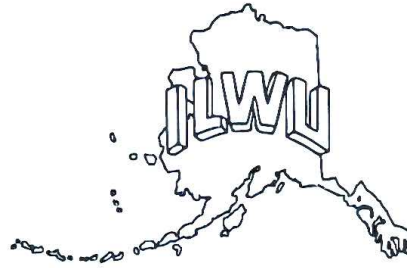


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Dear Ms. Drobica and Council Members:

The ILWU Alaska Longshore Division represents Unalaska/ Dutch Harbor longshoremen and across the State in other communities which rely upon sustainable management of the fisheries for work opportunity and benefits such as health insurance and pension which impacts over 800 ILWU active and retired members statewide.

Unalaska's International Port of Dutch Harbor is the nation's #1 Commercial Fishing Port based on the volume of catch for 28 years and is one of the top three ports for dollar value. At the center of that success is the Pollock fishery, which is the economic engine of Unalaska. The men and women of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Alaska Longshore Division Unit 223 are proud to play a critical role in coordinating and executing the efficient transfer of pollock products to ensure they reach domestic and global markets without delay with our Employers (Matson Navigation, CMA Terminals of Alaska, North Star Stevedore and Terminal and Sundance Stevedoring).

A closed or reduced Pollock B season will have a severe impact on the ILWU members in Unalaska and across the state. It is important to note the 167 members also are property owners, have partners and spouses have children in school bringing our family impact over 500 in the community, pay city sales tax and property taxes, purchase goods from stores, and are actively engaged and contributing members of the community of Unalaska.

The Pollock B season makes up approximately 40% (est. 125,000 man hours) of the ILWU's annual work opportunity in Unalaska and there is no product to replace it. Historically we have had ups and downs with changes to the fisheries over the years and have adapted as a workforce with those changes to provide labor to the Factory Trawler fleet at any hour of the day and night. The impact of the reduction or closure of crab fisheries within the Aleutians and Bristol Bay have reduced our work opportunity significantly over the years with a conservative estimate of 15-20% (est. 45,000 man hours) reduction in work opportunity. As you can surmise by our conservative calculations any closure or significant disruption to the Pollock B season could have a disastrous financial impact to not only our local workforce, but the community would potentially lose families who have deep roots within the community.

ILWU Alaska Longshore Division
Re: Pollock B season: Chum Salmon Bycatch

The City of Unalaska is tightly interconnected, and we all rely on each other to keep our community functioning. Restricting the Pollock B season would throw a cog in the wheel and it would have a trickledown effect on the businesses that we depend on for Unalaska's economic wellbeing; as well as impacting our labor force Statewide.

The ILWU is not opposed to the development of methods to reduce bycatch, and we encourage the Council to adopt Alternative 4: Additional Regulatory Requirements for Incentive Plan Agreements, as also supported by the City of Unalaska.

Sincerely,



Dennis Young

cc:
City of Unalaska, Assembly members